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FUNDS TO NRSA
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Space has continued to release funds to NationalRemote Sensing Agency (NRSA) without taking into account the huge surplus balance available with them during 1992-98 whereas the Union Governmentborrowed funds at maximum rate of interest during this period;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; (

(c) whether the Government have noticed any irregularity in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a)&(b) The expenditure on NRSA for operation, maintenance and facility build up is metthrough internal resources of NRSA and grant-in-aid from Department of Space. Grant-in-aid to NRSA is decided and released every year after taking intoconsideration the balance of grant available with NRSA,the total budget requirement for the year and the estimated internal resource generation in NRSA.The balances available with NRSA were due to specific projects of different useragencies which are to be utilised only for such projects.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.